known after project financial sanctions are accorded.

(b) and (c) The nuclear units at Kaiga, Tarapur and Rawabhatta are being set up on the basis of indegenous technology and hence are not covered by external aid or loan. The 2 x 1000 MWe nuclear power station proposed to be set up at Kudankulam is with Soviet assistance. An Inter Governmental Agreement between USSR and India on co-operation in setting up of the nuclear power station in India was signed on 20th November, 1983. A contract for setting up of the plant will be entered into after preparation of the Detailed Project Report and establishing economic viability of the project. USSR has agreed to extend to India a 25 year credit for an amount upto 3200 Million Rouble at 2.5 per cent interest per annum.

Setting up of a National Science and Technology Panel

1804. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether he has been urged recently by the Science Advisory Council to set up a National Science and Technology Panel; and

(b) if so, what decision has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The Government has constituted a Science and Technology Committee in November 1988 to define the structure of the new body to be created to carry out the planning and coordination functions in respect of S & T activities.

Purchase of consumer durable for Defence canteen

1805. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY:

SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the criteria laid down by the Defence Canteen Sale|purchase department for purchases and enlistment of manufacturers|distributors|suppliers for consumer durable like food processing items, Edible Oils, Soaps and detergents, plastic goods, Hosiery goods, Cosmetics, Stationery items, Watches, pressure cookers, umbrellas, tooth pastes and other general consumer durables etc. for defence canteen stores in the country;

(b) whether Defence Canteen Store department (India) purchases consumer durables named above through tenders or annual rate contracts or through negotiations;

(c) the names (with address) of the consumer durable suppliers of items referred to above, appoved and rejected, with reasons, partywise and itemwise and period of contract, terms, annual quantity allocated, partywise and itemwise during the last one year as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE PRODUCTION AND SUPPLIES IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) and (b) Before a product is accepted by the CSD for stocking and distribution, the supplier is required to satisfy it regarding a number of matters, including:—

(i) the popularity|acceptability of the product with consumers in general;

(ii) the quality of the product;

(iii) the reputation of the supplier;

(iv) the available arrangements for after-sales service; and

(v) the reasonableness of price and other commercial terms (including the willingness to take back unsold stocks).

Moreover, the CSD also considers whether the same product is not already being adequately stocked|supplied by other manufacturers. When it is decided to accept a product, the price and commercial terms are negotiated.

(c) In addition to the range of products already being carried by CSD, since April 1988, 457 suppliers approached the CSD for acceptance of new products. The list at Part I of Annexure contains the details of six suppliers whose products have been accepted in small quantities, on a trial basis Part II of Annexure contains information in respect of 61 suppliers whose requests for the acceptance of their products are still under consideration. Part III of the Annexure contains the list of 398 suppliers whose requests have been declined. [*See* Appendix CL, Annexure No. 89].

Rtviewing the case of Clinoquinol group of drugs

@1805-A. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have agreed to review the case of Clinoquinol group of drugs because of complaints of their being responsible for causing SMON;

(b) whether Government have set a time period to do this and if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government will seek the opinion of expert organisations/individuals out-side the Government circle in assessing the feasibility of these drugs ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) to (c) Government have not received any request for review of the use of clinoquinol group of drugs in India, on account of SMON.

Government, have, however, decided to consult expert once again because of the concern shown by some Hon'ble Members of both the Houses. The date for the purpose would be generated by approved Medical Institutions.

It is not possible for Government to set a time frame for the purpose as such studies need a long time for any meaningful interpretation.

Replacement of Common-Salt by Iodised Salt in the Country

@@1805-B. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI :
SHRI J. P. JAVALI :

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to tate:

(a) whether the sale of all edible common salt will be prohibited in Delhi from June 1989 and also in the rest of the country and will be replaced with iodised salt without any increase in prices over common-salt as reported in the Hindustan Times of 30th March, 1989;

(b) whether it is a fact that Iodised salt is now being sold at a higher price than common salt;

(c) whether it is also a fact that Iodised salt continues to rely on imports of Iodine and if so, what is the anticipated foreign exchange out-go; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) The Government of India has launched a scheme of universal iodisation of edible salt in the country in a

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@@Previously Unstarred Question 1487 transferred from the 8th May, 1989.